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In re Application of BREITENBACH et al :  
U.S. Application No.: 10/581,588 :  
PCT Application No.: PCT/US2004/041561 :  
Int. Filing Date: 09 December 2004 :  
Priority Date Claimed: 09 December 2003 : DECISION  
Attorney Docket No.: 03-061 :  
For: PRODUCTS AND PROCESSES FOR :  
ESTABLISHING MULTI-TRANSITION :  
RELATIONSHIPS WITH CUSTOMERS OF :  
VENDING MACHINES :

This is in response to applicant's "Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.497(d)" filed 04 January 2008.

**BACKGROUND**

On 09 December 2004, applicant filed international application papers with the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). The submission was assigned the above-identified International Application Number and International Filing Date.

On 09 December 2004, applicant filed international application PCT/US2004/041561, which claimed priority of an earlier United States application filed 09 December 2003. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 09 June 2006.

On 02 June 2006, applicant filed national stage papers in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US). The submission was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1).

On 16 February 2007, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905), which indicated that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497 must be filed.

On 12 March 2007, applicant filed an executed declaration.

On 17 April 2007, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification of Defective Response (Form PCT/DO/EO/916), which indicated that the declaration filed 12 March 2007 lists three inventors who are not listed in the published international application.

On 15 May 2007, applicant filed a petition under 37 CFR 1.497(d).

On 16 August 2007, this Office mailed a decision dismissing the 15 May 2007 petition.

On 13 September 2007, applicant filed a renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.497(d).

On 25 October 2007, this Office mailed a decision dismissing the 13 September 2007 petition.

On 04 January 2007, applicant filed the present second renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.497(d).

### **DISCUSSION**

37 CFR 1.497(d) states,

If the oath or declaration filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4) and this section names an inventive entity different from the inventive entity set forth in the international application, or if a change to the inventive entity has been effected under PCT Rule 92bis subsequent to the execution of any oath or declaration which was filed in the application under PCT Rule 4.17(iv) or this section and the inventive entity thus changed is different from the inventive entity identified in any such oath or declaration, applicant must submit:

- (1) A statement from each person being added as an inventor and from each person being deleted as an inventor that any error in inventorship in the international application occurred without deceptive intention on his or her part;
- (2) The processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i); and
- (3) If an assignment has been executed by any of the original named inventors, the written consent of the assignee (see § 3.73(b) of this chapter); and
- (4) Any new oath or declaration required by paragraph (f) of this section.

Petitioner has previously satisfied items (1), (2), and (3) above.

With regard to item (4) above, the requisite declarations have been provided.

### **CONCLUSION**

For the reasons above, the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.497(d) is GRANTED.

The application has an International Filing Date under 35 U.S.C. 363 of 09 December 2004, and a date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) of 04 January 2008.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing in accordance with this decision.

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